

**Weekly Status & Information Report:  
Week of September 13, 2004**

1. **Innovations in Government:** The Commission on Landlord Tenant Affairs (COLTA) program was submitted as a candidate for the Innovations in Government Award. Award winners receive national press attention, serve as models worthy of replication and spark research and case studies at Harvard and other school across the county. The program sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government, recognizes and promotes excellence and creativity in the public sector. Program submission criteria includes that the government entity submitting the program is responsible for the program concept and administration. 2004 award winners include Baltimore City's Citistat program. The COLTA program was the strongest of three city operated programs - C-SAFE, the Capacity Building and the Day Laborer work site considered by staff. It is hoped that the State of Maryland will submit an application in the future for the Takoma Park model of the C-SAFE program. *(Housing and Community Development)*

2. **Community Legacy Application:** The State of Maryland recently announced that it is accepting applications for the 2005 Community Legacy program. Given that the State's funding priorities this year include condominium conversions, HCD staff is recommending the submission of an application for funds to supplement the Capacity Building program. As proposed, Community Legacy funds would be requested to offset the predevelopment costs incurred by tenants pursuing the purchase of their rental facility. Such costs typically include inspection and engineering services, surveying, and attorney fees which, depending upon the size of the facility, can be as much as \$25,000. If approved, funds would supplement the \$25,000 earmarked in the FY05 City Priorities Budget for the creation of a revolving loan fund for this purpose. Applications are due October 6th and as such, it will be difficult to schedule a Council worksession prior to the deadline. The Council will, as part of the application process, be requested to pass a resolution of support for the project. The resolution must be submitted by November 1st for the application to be considered. The item is to be placed on the Council's rolling agenda next week. If you have any questions about the proposed application, please contact Sara Anne Daines (SaraD@takomagov.org). The application will be forwarded to the Council for discussion prior to November 1st. *(Housing and Community Development)*

3. **Officers in Training:** Two detectives, Cpl. A. John and Det. F. Webb, attended Child Exploitation Abuse training for five days. Ofc. D. McDowell and S. Barsh attended a two-day Alcohol Enforcement Specialist training. Administrative staff were trained in the upgraded software program for Complus, the parking ticket/fine collection database. *(Police)*

4. **Community Meetings (Ward 6):** COP Team officers attended C-SAFE and CDA meetings. *(Police)*

5. **Crime Report - Carjacking (Ward 2):** Det. Poole will be bringing charges for robbery against a suspect for a strong-arm carjacking that occurred just after midnight Sunday morning in the 6800 block of New Hampshire Avenue. The suspect had been detained Monday morning by an officer in the DC police third district. *(Police)*
6. **Crime Report - Armed Robbery (Ward 1):** Investigation continues into the armed robbery of an armored car guard on Sept. 14, 10:45 a.m., in the 6900 block of Laurel Avenue. Two suspects are sought; no physical injuries were reported. *(Police)*
7. **Dangerous Mammals (Ward 1):** Police officers have destroyed two raccoons this week in Ward 1. One was killed last Sat., in the 7400 block of Cedar, where it was attacking a tethered dog. The raccoon tested positive for rabies. One raccoon was killed in the 7300 block of Willow at about 6 p.m. on Thursday; results of testing are not yet available. Staff has worked with the Montgomery County Health Dept. and City Communications office to distribute information about the events and the Health Dept. concerns. Schools and day care centers throughout the city have been contacted regarding the events, urging staff to be vigilant in monitoring children playing outside. *(Police)*
8. **Touch a Truck:** PLEASE NOTE! The Touch a Truck program scheduled at Public Works for Saturday September 18, 2004 has been postponed until October 2, due to the forecasted rain. *(Recreation)*
9. **New Recreation Programs:** This season the Recreation Department is trying some new programs: - Kindermusik Village for newborns to 1 1/2 years and Our Time for ages 1 1/2 to 3. These programs incorporate music, movement, and fun to increase babies awareness and brain development. Three classes started this week. *(Recreation)*
10. **Family Karaoke Night !!!:** The first night resulted in a fairly good turnout as twelve excited people sang their hearts out. The next Karaoke Night will be taking place on November 13, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building from 6-8pm . Open to everyone! *(Recreation)*